A COMPLAINT OF EDMUND ELYS,

A Minister of the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST,

Against

TITUS OATES,

TO THE

Nobility and *Gentry* of ENGLAND.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IN a Book Entitled ΕΙΚΩΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΗ, Publisht by TITUS OATES, there is a most Execrable Attempt to VILIFY the Memory of KING *CHARLES* the First, and of All those Worthy Persons

that Adher'd to Him in a ſtrict Obſervance of All the Laws that have been Made for the Defence of the Kings of *England*, againſt their Stubborn and Diſobedient Subjects. In the 73d Page of that Wicked Book, this *Monſter of a Man, HOMO & HUMANITATIS, Expers & Vitæ Communis Ignarus*, has theſe words. 'Sir 'I can prove, that thoſe Men who were 'concern'd in Judging and Condemning 'your Father to Death, tho' that was the 'pretence or handle you took to have them 'cut off, yet the great reaſon why they 'were not ſpared, was, that if they lived, 'they would have been great Obſtacles in 'your way of debauching the People, and 'that was the reaſon of their being cut off. ——— 'If you remember, it was the 'weak part of thoſe Men that had their 'Lives given them; not but that ſome of 'them were Worthy Perſons, but they had 'not arrived to thoſe Experiences of God 'and true Religion, as the others had done 'that laid down their Lives in that Cauſe. 'But the Truth is, I never found many of 'them that had ſo LITTLE GRACE as

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'to Repent of what they had done.

'Nay your Rage did not ceaſe here; for 'you by all the Wrong imaginable pack'd 'a Parliament together of greenheaded 'young Gentlemen, the Sons of ſome CA-'VALIERS, whoſe Parents ſuffer'd in the 'late War. And again in the ſame Page, 'Your ſoured CAVALIERS, and your Con-'ſpiring VILLAINS. In the 19th Page this *Civil Gentleman* had paſt a Compliment upon that Noble CAVALIER, the Lord JOHN BERKELEY. 'You know, ſays 'he, the Lord ROBARTS was remov'd, 'and another that was BASE enough to do 'ſuch a Jobb (*viz.* To reſtore the Roman 'Catholick Religion, and to begin firſt in '*Ireland*) was ſent in his room. Page 44. 'Upon the removal of the Lord ROBARTS, 'afterwards Earl of *Radnor*, you remem-'ber who ſucceeded him ——— that Tool 'of a Lieutenant came there, which was 'of dangerous Conſequence to that King-'dom, and the Proteſtant Religion, and '*Engliſh* Intereſt. *P.* 26. He Reviles that moſt Reverend *Prelate*, *Arch-Biſhop* LAUD, calling him *Arch-Traytor*. P. 30. He be-

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ſtows his *Liverie* upon that Eminently Learned and Pious *Prelate* Biſhop *M. That Wicked Prelate of* Wincheſter, *Dr.* MORLAY. *P.* 75. 'Old COSENS (I ſup-'poſe he means Biſhop COSIN) Old HINCH-'MAN, and SHELDON, Three of the Devil's 'Brokers. *P.* III. He again Tramples on the BLOUD of our *Murther'd Sovereign*, ſpeaking of His Death in a SCOPTICAL Expreſſion, and Reviling a Learned Preacher, that gave Him his due *Encomium*. 'A 'Little Prieſt of the Church of *England* 'in a Sermon of his on the Day your Fa-'ther made his *Exit*, &c.

I ſhall give you no further Trouble, but ſhall leave it to the *Chriſtian Generoſity* of your own Breaſts, what Indignation Ye Ought to Conceive againſt the *Inſolence* of ſo Prodigious a VILLAIN.

Your moſt Affectionate
Humble Servant.